

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1-6, 8-9, and 42 as follows (the changes in these Claims are shown with ~~strike through~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims with proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A customizable absorbent article comprising:
an extensible body ~~fac~~ing faceable layer having a first end and a second end spaced along a longitudinal axis, wherein said body ~~fac~~ing faceable layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis and wherein said body faceable layer includes at least one aperture having a length at least one third of a length of said extensible body faceable layer;

an extensible garment ~~fac~~ing faceable layer having a first end and a second end spaced along said longitudinal axis, wherein said garment ~~fac~~ing faceable layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis; and

a non-extensible absorbent core disposed between said body ~~fac~~ing faceable layer and said garment ~~fac~~ing faceable layer; and

wherein said absorbent core is affixed to at least one of said body ~~fac~~ing faceable and said garment ~~fac~~ing faceable layer at at least one location between said first and second ends.

2. (Currently Amended) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, ~~said body fac~~ing layer having at least one aperture therein and exposing a surge layer, disposed between said body ~~fac~~ing faceable layer and said garment ~~fac~~ing faceable layer, to a body of a user.

3. (Currently Amended) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said garment ~~fac~~ing faceable layer further comprises a releasable attachment component.

4. (Currently Amended) The customizable absorbent article of claim 3, wherein said attachment component comprises discrete areas of mechanical fastener,

said discrete areas being disposed at said first and second ends of said garment-~~facing~~
faceable layer.

5. (Currently Amended) The customizable absorbent article of claim 3, wherein said attachments component comprises discrete areas of mechanical fastener, said discrete areas being disposed in a pattern on said garment-~~facing~~ faceable layer.

6. (Currently Amended) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said absorbent core is anchored to at least said garment ~~facing~~ faceable layer by embossing.

7. (Withdrawn) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said core comprises a first and second end, said second end having slits approximately along a longitudinal axis, and wherein said first end of said core and said second end of said core are movable relative to one another along said lateral axis.

8. (Currently Amended) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said body ~~facing~~ faceable layer and said garment ~~facing~~ faceable layer are comprised of a single piece of extensible material encasing said absorbent core.

9. (Currently Amended) The customizable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said body ~~facing~~ faceable layer and said garment ~~facing~~ faceable layer are individual sheets of extensible material, and wherein said body ~~facing~~ faceable layer and said garment ~~facing~~ faceable layer are attached to one another along outer peripheries of said layers.

Claims 10-41. (Cancelled).

42. (Currently Amended) A method for absorbing bodily exudates with a customizable absorbent article, the method comprising:

providing said customizable absorbent comprising an extensible body ~~facing~~ faceable layer having a first end and a second end spaced along a longitudinal axis, wherein said body ~~facing~~ faceable layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis

and wherein said body faceable layer includes at least one aperture having a length at least one third of a length of said extensible body faceable layer; an extensible garment facing faceable layer having a first end and a second end spaced along said longitudinal axis, wherein said garment facing faceable layer is extensible along said longitudinal axis; and a non-extensible absorbent core disposed between said body facing faceable and said garment facing faceable layer; and wherein said absorbent core is affixed to at least one of said body facing faceable and said garment facing faceable layer at at least one location between said first and second ends; and

manually adjusting said customizable absorbent article along said longitudinal axis by applying force along said axis, thereby deforming said extensible absorbent body facing faceable layer and said garment facing faceable layer; and
securing said absorbent article to an undergarment.